Statement

No. of closures during 1988 (*Provisional*)

States	1988 (January-November)*
Andhra Pradesh	5
Arunachal Pradesh	..
Assam	0
Bihar	1
Goa	0
Gujarat	12
Haryana	19
Himachal Pradesh	..
Jammu & Kashmir	..
Karnataka	0
Kerala	1
Madhya Pradesh	0
Maharashtra	70
Manipur	0
Meghalaya	..
Mizoram	..
Nagaland	..
Orissa	4
Punjab	3
Rajasthan	2
Sikkim	..
Tamil Nadu	5
Tripura	3
Uttar Pradesh	0
West Bengal	..
Andaman & Nicobar	0
Chandigarh	..
Dadra & Ngr. Haveli	0
Delhi	5
Daman & Diu	..
Lakshadweep	0
Pondicherry	0
TOTAL	130

..—Not available.
*—Information is maintained only by calendar years.

Source : Labour Bureau

Sugar mills in Assam

2609. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sugar mills in the Co-operative Sector in Assam;

(b) the number of Co-operative Sugar mills in the State running in loss; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) There are two sugar mills in the Co-operative Sector in Assam.

(b) and (c) The Government does not maintain profit and loss accounts in respect of sugar mills. The sugar policy is announced by the Government of India from time to time. The profitability or otherwise of a sugar factory depends on a variety of factors which include cane availability, technical and managerial competence of a sugar mill and certain other factors which are not directly regulated by the sugar policy. The ultimate responsibility to ensure efficient running of a sugar mill lies solely with the management.

Location of New Bhati Mines in the country

2610. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether new Bhati mines have been located in the country during the last one year;

(b) if so, the number of such mines which have been located; and

(c) the funds allocated for this purpose by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) The Delhi Administration has reported that no new area has been located in the existing Bhati mines in Delhi during the last one year.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Establishment of a development council for fish processing industry

2611. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to establish a development council for fish processing industry; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) A Development Council for Marine, Meat and Poultry indutries is being constituted.

Production of raw cotton

2612. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total production of raw cotton during the last five years;

(b) what was the total export and import of raw cotton during the said period; and

(c) what was the reason for the increase in the cotton yarn price for the handloom sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The total production of cotton (lint) during the last five years was 369 lakh bales of 170 Kg. each as indicated below:

(Lakh bales of 170 Kg. each)

Year	*Production*
1983-84	64
1984-85	85
1985-86	87
1986-87	69
1987-88	64
TOTAL :	369

(b) The total export and import of cotton during the said period i.e., 1983-84 to 1987-88 were 24.1 lakh bales and 0.8 lakh bales respectively

(c) The increase in the prices of cotton yarn for the handloom sector can be attributed to factors such as rise in the prices of cotton and incease in demand for cotton yarn.

Appointment of workers in Vasant Vihar CPWD complex

2613. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in CPWD Enquiry of Vasant Vihar CPWD Complex, New Delhi the workers are appointed without having knowledge of the character antecedents, which the worker bears;

(b) whether Government propose to get the character antecedents verified through Police authorities of all the workers employed by the CPWD for maintenance work through Contractors in the near future; if so, by when and if not the reasons; and

(c) whether any demand from the residents of that area had been received by the CPWD authorities concerned; if so the details thereof and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Verification of character antecedents